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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 15-16, 1960

Present - Trustees, R. H. Fogler, President, A. H. Benoit, Mrs. R. C. Bowles, W. H. Chisholm, S. W. Collins, D. P. Corbett, and Dr. L. M. Cutler; and President L. H. Elliott and C. E. Crossland.

* Possible Merger of Portland University with the University of Maine - Present for this part of the meeting in addition to the above were the following Trustees of Portland University: George S. Payson, chairman, Jacob Agger, secretary, John B. Malcolm, J. William Schulze, Halsey Smith, Sidney W. Thaxter, and Mrs. Jean Gannett Williams. John M. Blake, Dean of Portland University, was also present.

Mr. Fogler welcomed the group and stated that the possible merger of Portland University with the University of Maine could be an extremely significant step in expanding the educational opportunities in the state and thereby better meet the needs of Maine. Chairman Payson in responding stated that the Trustees had worked diligently to maintain a school which would meet some needs of Greater Portland and the State, stressing the importance of the Evening School to the area. President Elliott then outlined some of the objectives to be sought if Portland University merges with the University of Maine -

1. Accreditation is of foremost importance. This will require adequate library, competent faculty, and opportunities for research.
2. Expansion of educational opportunities in Maine. For an urban university this means flexibility, that the institution may respond to the educational and broad cultural needs for both younger and older persons. It means, further, the development of Evening School and part-time programs, both degree and non-degree, designed to serve the needs of the Greater Portland area.
3. Continued operation of the School of Law and School of Business Administration in Portland.

President Elliott pointed out that legislative action will be necessary to accomplish a merger, if the Trustees of both institutions feel such action is feasible.

Financial statements showing the present and anticipated status of Portland University as of August 31, 1961 were distributed. Copies of these statements are a part of the official record of this meeting. After extended discussion of many questions such as the future plans for the staff, program, legal status of obligations, etc., the following resolution was passed by unanimous vote with all the Trustees of both Portland University and the University of Maine voting:

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Possible Merger of Portland University with the University of Maine (Cont'd)

"The Trustees of Portland University, incorporated in 1921 and reorganized and chartered as a non-profit, charitable, and educational corporation in 1945 under the laws of the State of Maine, hereby vote to transfer, assign, and convey to the University of Maine all of its physical assets, real and personal, belonging to and used in connection with the obligation of the said Portland University, and the Trustees of the University of Maine hereby vote to accept the same, subject to authority therefor being granted, the University of Maine will upon authorization of the Legislature of the State of Maine, accept title to the said assets when transferred and conveyed and will thereupon assume the care, control, and disposition of said property of Portland University, together with all its duties and legal obligations and the management of its former affairs.

"Upon transfer and conveyance of said assets, Portland University shall be operated as an integral part of the University of Maine and shall be governed by its Board of Trustees in accordance with the duties and powers conferred upon them by law. Upon completion of the transfer of assets as stated above, the corporate existence of Portland University shall terminate."

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 20-21, 1960 were approved.

Mrs. Bowles Reappointed Trustee - Mr. Fogler expressed pleasure on behalf of the Board that Mrs. Rena C. Bowles has been reappointed to serve for another three years as an Alumna Trustee.

*Finance Committee - The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held October 29, 1960 were approved.

*Maintenance and Control Committee - The minutes of the Maintenance and Control Committee meetings held September 20, 1960, September 21, 1960, and October 28, 1960 were approved.

*Educational Policy and Research Committee - Chairman Cutler discussed the matters considered at the meeting of the Educational Policy and Research Committee which had been held just prior to this Board meeting. It was voted - to approve the recommendation to authorize a Ph.D. program in Animal Nutrition. It was then voted - to approve all the actions and recommendations of the committee.

*Lease of Land in Woodland for Forestry Camp Use - President Elliott reported that the Eastern Pulp Wood Company had offered to lease to the University without charge about 32 acres of land in Woodland adjoining 32 acres which that company recently gave to the University for a new forestry camp site. This 20 year lease contains an option for renewal or purchase of the land at a cost not to exceed \$25 per acre. It was voted - to approve the lease, to express the appreciation of the members of the Board to the company for this generous offer, and further voted - to authorize President Fogler to sign the lease.

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- * Degree in Course - Upon recommendation of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, and President Elliott, it was voted - to confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics upon John Merton Greeley as of June, 1960.

Personnel - President Elliott discussed some of the appointments included in the recommendations in the agenda and supplement thereto. It was voted - to approve all of the recommendations as included in the agenda for this meeting. A copy of these personnel recommendations is a part of the official record of this meeting.

Acceptance of Gifts - Upon recommendation of President Elliott, it was voted - to accept with appreciation the gifts listed in the agenda for this meeting and the supplement thereto. It was also voted - to approve the terms under which the Dr. Tibor J. Bebek Fund was established. A copy of the agenda containing a list of the gifts is a part of the official record of this meeting.

- * Name for Men's Dormitory #2 - In accordance with an earlier policy vote of the Board, it was voted - to name Men's Dormitory No. 2, now under construction Cumberland Hall, the enrollment from Cumberland County being second largest among the counties in Maine.

- * Name for Women's Dormitory No. 2 - Kennebec County has the third largest county enrollment at the present time. Accordingly, it was voted - to name Women's Dormitory No. 2, now under construction, Kennebec Hall.

- * Report on Study of University Insurance and Retirement Program - Present for this discussion were Controller P. H. Vose, Treasurer H. W. Gordon, and Messrs. Archibald Price and Roger Wilson of Connell, Price and Company. A summary of the report on Hospitalization and Surgery, Group Life Insurance, and the University Retirement Program was made by Messrs. Price and Wilson. The importance of keeping employees fully informed about these programs was stressed.

President Elliott and Messrs. Gordon and Vose will present recommendations re: the entire insurance program at an early meeting. In view of the possibility that there may be a change in the company which carries the retirement insurance, Treasurer Gordon was instructed to make an arrangement with the John Hancock Insurance Company whereby any premiums on new and other policies which are paid on December 15th next will be returned ~~in part~~ or in full as may be due, if a decision is made at a subsequent meeting of the Board to adopt some other plan of insurance for the retirement phase of the University insurance program.

President's Report

- * 1. The Centennial Anniversary Program - The University will observe the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1965. One feature of such events at some institutions is the writing and publishing of a history. President Elliott discussed what is involved in producing such a history of the University by a competent scholar. It was estimated that the total cost might run as high as \$50,000. After careful discussion, it was agreed that it would be unwise to undertake the preparation and printing of a history of the University as part of the centennial program.

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President's Report (Continued)

- 2. The ETV Situation - President Elliott discussed recent developments in the ETV situation, mentioning among other points that there is optimism among educators and others in Washington that the next Congress will pass a bill which will make up to \$1,000,000 available on a matching basis for the construction of ETV stations. The question of whether the University should seek funds from the next Legislature to establish the entire Maine ETV network, exclusive of the Channel 10 station in Augusta, rather than to defer for two years a request for funds for the proposed stations at Presque Isle and Calais was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion that \$1,039,027.90 be requested for the three stations. A copy of a statement dated November 14, 1960, which was distributed at the meeting, is a part of the official record of this meeting.
- 3. Authority to Apply for an FM Radio Station - A statement re: the present campus radio station, WORO, and the urgent need for some other less expensive and more satisfactory manner of broadcasting was discussed. A copy of a statement, "University Radio Station," dated November 15, 1960, is a part of the official record of this meeting. It was voted - to approve the recommendation that authority be given to apply for a University FM Educational Radio Station and, further, that the Business Manager be empowered to sign the application for such a station.
- 4. The Development Council - President Elliott reported that the Development Council has been organized. Work is being done on Organization Plans and By-Laws. Additional alumni and others will be invited to serve as members of the Council. President Elliott expressed himself as pleased with the start which has been made.
- 5. The Pre-Legislative Conference - President Elliott briefly reviewed plans for the Pre-Legislative Conference which is to be held at the University December 1-3, 1960. He expressed the hope that as many Trustees as possible would be present at these sessions.
- 6. Status of ROTC - President Elliott discussed recent developments re: Voluntary versus Compulsory ROTC programs. In view of the announcement by the Secretary of Defense that Compulsory ROTC programs are no longer necessary to the defense of the country, many colleges have studied, or will study, the question of continued Compulsory ROTC programs. The next Maine Legislature may be asked to repeal the law re: Compulsory ROTC at the University, before which time it will be highly desirable for the University Trustees and administration to consider what position we wish to take on this question. The matter will be considered further at the next meeting of the Board.
- 7. Education Liaison Committees - President Elliott announced that the Liaison Committees appointed by the State Department of Education and the Board of Trustees will hold their first meeting December 12, 1960.

- Appreciation to Fred J. Nutter - In view of Trustee Nutter's announcement that he will not accept reappointment and that his term has expired, it was voted - that the members of the Board of Trustees express to Mr. Nutter their deep appreciation for the conscientious and extremely valuable services he has rendered to the University and the genuine pleasure of the members in being associated with him on the Board. It was voted - that a suitable scroll or other evidence of appreciation be sent to Mr. Nutter as early as such can be prepared.

Next Meeting - The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on January 17-18, 1961.

Charles E. Crossland
Clerk, Board of Trustees